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CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

Program Description:

The Care Services Program (CSP) administered by the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA), HIV Care Branch, CARE Section, provides Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 Part B funds to the 58 counties throughout California. The funding distributed through health departments and/or community-based organizations is for the provision of care and treatment services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Background:

CSP serves people living with HIV/AIDS throughout California. The program has existed since 1991 and continues to provide assistance to counties. Target populations include the uninsured and underinsured with emphasis on individuals who know their HIV status and have been out of care or have never accessed care.

CSP contracts with counties to provide health and support services that increase access to and maintenance in primary medical care. Counties are required to do regular assessments of the service delivery needs of the HIV/AIDS population and identify gaps in the continuum of care. Part B funding is used to fill identified gaps by contributing to the funding for primary medical care services. Funds are also used to provide HIV/AIDS-related medications, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, oral health and case management services. Additionally, the CSP provides critical support services such as medical transportation, food, treatment adherence counseling and others. Currently, the program annually assists more than 20,000 Californians living with HIV/AIDS.

Program Goals:

CSP:

- Assists with the development, enhancement, and access to a comprehensive continuum of high-quality, community-based medical care and support services.
- Reduces the need for more costly inpatient care, increase access to care for underserved populations, and improve the quality of life for those persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- Ensures access to primary medical care, life-prolonging medications, and the provision of essential support services which seek to identify, enroll, and maintain HIV-infected persons in systems of care.
- Provides technical assistance and support to contracted providers and sub-contractors that are serving the HIV/AIDS community.



Statistics:

For fiscal year 2006-07, the percentage of clients served in the CSP program, by ethnicity and gender, are indicated below:

By ethnicity:

- White (not Hispanic) 35%
- Black or African American (not Hispanic) 22%
- Hispanic or Latino(a) 37%
- Asian 2%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander <1%
- American Indian or Alaska Native 1%
- More than one race 1%
- Unknown 2%

By gender:

- Male 78%
- Female 20%
- Transgender 2%
- Unknown/unreported <1%

Contact Information:

For additional information about HIV/AIDS call:

- *California AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (2437) (English/Spanish) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD) or see Web site: www.AIDShotline.org.
- National AIDS Hotline at (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636) (English/Spanish) OR (888) 232-6348 (TDD).

For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California AIDS Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at Web site: www.hivinfo.org.

For more information on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 see the Health Resources and Services Administration Web site: www.ask.hrsa.gov.

For more information on CDPH/OA's mission, programs, and other helpful resources, see Web site: www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS.